

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application in light of the above amendments and following comments is courteously solicited.

Initially it should be noted that the abstract has been amended so as to conform with MPEP 608.01(b) .

The examiner in his office action dated September 28, 2005 indicated the subject matter of claims 2-6 as being allowable. Each of dependent claims 2, 3, 4 and 5 have been rewritten as independent claims. Dependent claim 6 remains dependent from independent claim 5. The dependency of dependent claim 7 has been changed so as to depend from any one of claims 2-6.

In light of the foregoing, all of the claims as pending are now in condition for allowance and an early indication of same is respectfully requested.

Applicant intends to file a continuation application based on the instant application.

An earnest and thorough attempt has been made by the undersigned to resolve the outstanding issues in this case and place same in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or feels that a telephone or personal interview would be helpful in resolving any outstanding issues which remain in this application after consideration of this amendment, the Examiner is courteously invited to telephone the undersigned and the same would be gratefully appreciated.

It is submitted that the claims as amended herein patentably define over the art relied on by the Examiner and early allowance of same is courteously solicited.

If any fees are required in connection with this case, it is respectfully requested that they be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

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